

Use of State Institutions for People with Intellectual Disabilities in the United States

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Introduction

The first institutional program in the United States for people with intellectual disabilities was opened in 1848. It was designed to teach skills to people so they could return to the community. The number of people living in these institutions grew quickly and by 1967 there were 194,650 people living there.

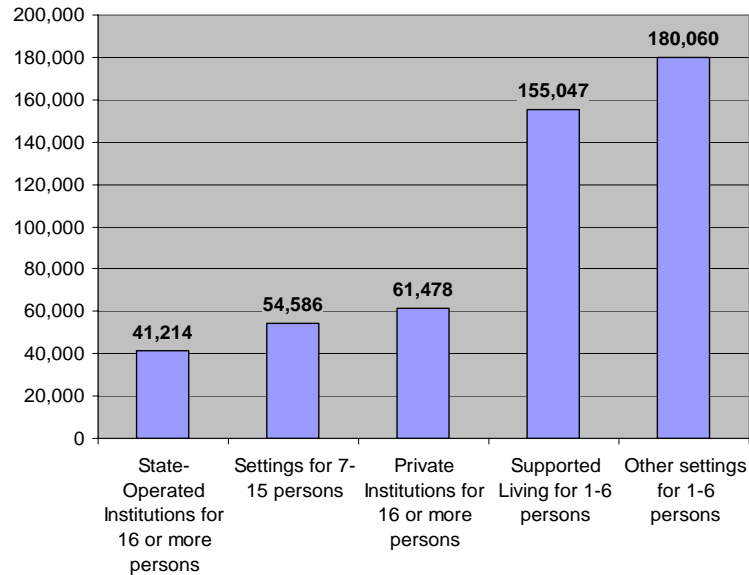
For almost 40 years, the number of people in state institutions has been going down. More people are getting support in the community. However, in 2004, there were still 41,214 people with intellectual disabilities living in state-operated institutions across the United States (see table on right). Alaska, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Maine, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Rhode Island, Vermont, and West Virginia are not listed in the table because they have no state-operated institutions.

Today, people with intellectual disabilities can get residential support in many different kinds of places. The chart on the next page shows how many people live in each kind of setting.

Number of People in State-Operated Institutions in 2004

State	Number
1. Texas	4,996
2. California	3,334
3. New Jersey	3,145
4. Illinois	2,876
5. Ohio	1,784
6. North Carolina	1,764
7. Louisiana	1,635
8. New York	1,634
9. Virginia	1,569
10. Pennsylvania	1,473
11. Georgia	1,402
12. Florida	1,377
13. Mississippi	1,363
14. Missouri	1,208
15. Massachusetts	1,109
16. Arkansas	1,096
17. Washington	1,035
18. South Carolina	988
19. Connecticut	851
20. Wisconsin	767
21. Tennessee	701
22. Iowa	673
23. Kentucky	570
24. Indiana	569
25. Oklahoma	422
26. Maryland	389
27. Nebraska	375
28. Kansas	358
29. Utah	230
30. Alabama	200
31. South Dakota	176
32. Michigan	162
33. Delaware	147
34. North Dakota	146
35. Arizona	141
36. Colorado	113
37. Nevada	103
38. Idaho	94
39. Wyoming	92
40. Montana	90
41. Oregon	50
42. Minnesota	7
UNITED STATES	41,214

Number of People with Intellectual Disabilities in the United States by Setting in 2004



State-Operated Institutions

- Nine states do not have state-operated institutions

Settings for 7-15 Persons include:

- Larger Group Homes

Private 16+ Settings include:

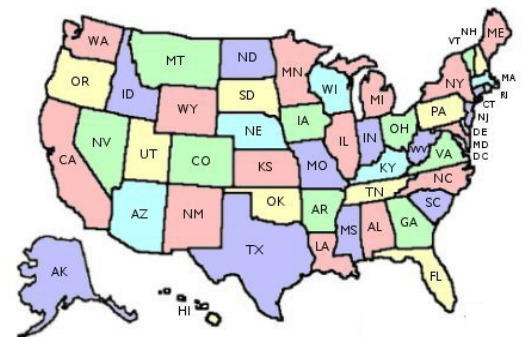
- Private Institutions
- Nursing Homes

Supported Living is where:

- The person chooses who they want to live with and where they live
- The place they live is not owned by a service provider
- The person's support plan changes as their needs change

Other Settings for 1-6 Persons include:

- Group Homes
- Apartments
- Small ICFs/MR
- Foster Care



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